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1. [redacted] I saw about 20 new 100-mm field artillery guns in an artillery park at the Ohrdruf /5049A-1044E/ firing range. At that time some artillery units of the 28th Rifle Corps were stationed at Ohrdruf. Since divisional artillery does not include 100-mm field guns, I assumed that the guns I saw belonged to the artillery brigade of the 28th Rifle Corps.

2. In appearance the 100-mm gun is very similar to the 57-mm AT gun. It has a very low silhouette and a barrel which is at least five meters long and provided with a triple muzzle break. The gun was mounted on a small, two-wheel carriage and had a small vehicle tractor as prime mover. [redacted]

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[redacted] I learned that this piece is a dual-purpose (field and AT) gun with a high muzzle velocity; that the shell from this gun can penetrate any known armor plate from a distance of two kilometers and that its range is 22 km. Later I heard [redacted]

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[redacted] that this was indeed an excellent gun and "the pride of Soviet artillery".

3. I have heard that Genleit Gubin, well known for his previous designs, had also designed this gun. There was a rumor that the gun had been completed in 1945 and tested in the war but that mass production had started several years later. I have no further information on this gun.

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